

App. No. 10/699,791

CENTRAL FAX CENTER Docket No. AB-1659-2C

Amendment dated Sept. 19, 2006

Reply to final Office Action of June 19, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above amendment and the following remarks accompany an RCE filed herewith and are in reply to the final Office action of 06/19/2006 in the instant application. In light of this reply, reconsideration and further examination of this application are respectfully requested.

Five claims (21-24 and 31) were pending in this application. In the above amendment, two claims (21 and 24) were amended, and none was cancelled or added. Accordingly, five claims (21-24 and 31) remain pending for reconsideration and further examination.

On page 2, line 10, *et seq.*, the Examiner rejected claims 21-24 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement, stating,

"The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The newly amended phrase "two branches disposed at both sides of the first line" raises a new matter issue. Nothing about said branches is discussed in the specification."

On page 2, line 17, *et seq.*, the Examiner rejected claims 21-24 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, stating,

The expression "two branches disposed at both sides of the first line" in the independent claims is not understood because it is not clear as to what said branches were in relation to the drawings in the application. The remark associated with the amendment fails to discuss the "branches". Although the phrase may sound to be definite, the structural concept in relation to the drawings was indefinite. Therefore, the indefiniteness here is a function of the definition of said branches and their particular structure in the claimed invention."

Responsive to the foregoing, paragraph [0043] of the specification of the invention and independent claims 21 and 24 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the features in question. These amendments add no new matter, but merely clarify features that were originally disclosed in this application.

In particular, paragraph [0043], read in conjunction with, *e.g.*, FIGS. 2, 4A, 4B, 4C, 5, 7A, 7B and 7C, now includes the description, "Each of the storage wires also includes a plurality of ladder-shaped storage electrodes 28 extending in the vertical direction in FIG. 2, each of which comprises ... a pair of parallel, spaced-apart, vertically extending "riser"-like elements respectively disposed on opposite sides of an associated one of the data lines 62" (Emphasis added.)

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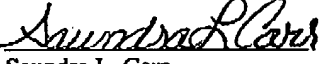
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Additionally, independent claims 21 and 24 have been amended to include the limitation, "a ladder-shaped conductive pattern connected to the second line and having a pair of parallel, spaced-apart, riser-like elements respectively disposed on opposite sides of the first line."

In light of the above amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims (21-24 and 31) are now in an allowable form, and Applicant therefore respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If there are any questions regarding the above, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number below.

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